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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

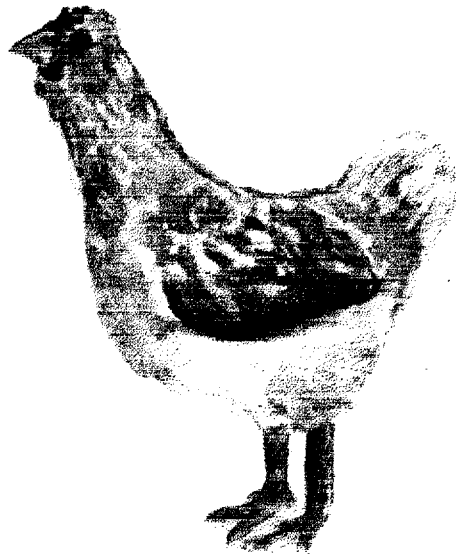
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I read about the forced molting of layer hens on the PETA website and as a proud pet chicken owner I found it sickening. When I received three chickens for my sixteenth birthday I had no idea how they would come to change my life. I came to know personally where chicken sandwiches really came from, and I quit eating chicken first, then meat altogether. People ask me why and I tell them the same reasons they don't munch on cat or dog burgers. I hope that when I show people pictures and when they are introduced to my chickens they come to realize that chickens, as living creatures, deserve to be humanely treated.

The real issue though is that I worry at night about the poor chickens at the factory farms. Their lives are hard and short enough without being starved into one last laying cycle. Please work to ban the forced molting. I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).

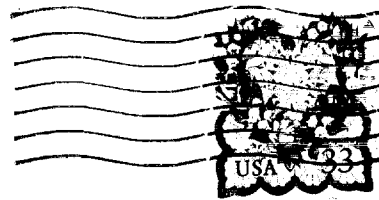
Sincerely,

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